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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 17-22, 24, 26, and 44 are pending. The remarks below are focused on the independent claims.

Applicants refer panel to page 8 of the Response to Office Action mailed April 9, 2007, for background on the present invention.

Applicants submit that the rejection is improper because the claimed element in both independent claims requires a mixture that “would enable the resulting mixture to exhibit a dimethyl-ethyl-pyrozine concentration of about 0.05 ppm; a colorimeter value of 49” is not taught or suggested in any of the art cited.

Examiner’s rejection of this limitation consists of allegations as explained in paragraph 11 of the Office Action mailed April 9, 2007.

Further, the Examiner failed to reconsider evidence discussed in the affidavit of Professor Emeritus Dr. Russell Carl Hoseney, submitted with the filing of April 5, 2005, which indicated Applicant’s invention would have a different flavor note than that found in commercial corn chips that are cited by Examiner’s references.

Finally, Applicants refer the panel to the underlined portions of the Response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2007, which explain that the claimed invention is directed towards an additive having a concentrated toasted flavor.

Consequently, because the Examiner has failed to make a prima facie case of obviousness because all claimed limitations were not found in the prior art, Applicants respectfully request the rejection be overturned.